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placing a second patient on the housing and wrapping the belt at least partially around the chest of the second patient; and

rotating the drive spool to tighten the second belt about the chest of the patient.

Remarks

Claims 1 through 14, 16 through 19 and 21 through 24 remain pending in the application.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview on August 10, 2007 to discuss the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection of the specification and all the pending claims. We agreed that the Examiner had misapprehended the specification and that Figure 2 shows the bottom of the claimed device. Proper understanding of the specification, drawings and claims follows this perspective. This understanding obviates the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection of the specification and all the pending claims.

The Examiner has indicated that the declaration is defective. A replacement declaration is attached.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1 through 6, 9 through 12, 14, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24 under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory obviousness type double patenting. A terminal disclaimer is attached to obviate this rejection.

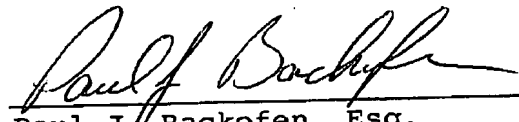
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Conclusion

This response has addressed all of the Examiner's grounds for rejection. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims is requested.

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